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## INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

(Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. II           | Priority  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. III          | Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. IV           | Lack of unity of invention  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. V | Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VI           | Certain documents cited   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VII          | Certain defects in the international application  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII         | Certain observations on the international application   |

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**1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:**

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

**2. FURTHER ACTION**

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**Box No. I Basis of the opinion**

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
  - ☒ the international application in the language in which it was filed
  - ☐ a translation of the international application into , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1 (b)).
2. ☐ This opinion has been established taking into account the **rectification of an obvious mistake** authorized by or notified to this Authority under Rule 91 (Rule 43bis.1(a))
3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
  - a. type of material:
    - ☐ a sequence listing
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    - ☐ on paper
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5. Additional comments:

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**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43b/s.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

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**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	<u>3-17, 20</u>
	No: Claims	<u>1, 2, 18, 19</u>
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	<u>1-20</u>
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	<u>1-20</u>
	No: Claims	

**2. Citations and explanations**

see separate sheet

**Re Item V.**

1. The following documents are cited in the search report:

D1 : EP 1 363 252 A (ATRONIC INT GMBH [DE]) 19 November 2003 (2003-11-19)  
D2 : WO 02/32526 A (INT GAME TECH [US]) 25 April 2002 (2002-04-25)  
D3 : US 2002/151366 A1 (WALKER JAY S [US] ET AL) 17 October 2002 (2002-10-17)

2. The present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject-matter of independent claims 1, 18 and 19 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT, for the following reasons:

- 2.1. Document D1 discloses (the references in parentheses applying to this document) a gaming system comprising: a database (60) containing a plurality of preset gaming terminal configurations (cf. paragraph 25), wherein each configuration includes specific settings for a plurality of categories (cf. paragraph 43); a remote configuration device (56) in communication with the database (cf. figure 3) adapted to forward a configuration to at least one gaming terminal (cf. paragraph 46); and a plurality of gaming terminals (10A, 10B, 10C) in communication with the remote configuration device.

Consequently, the subject-matter of independent claim 1 is not new.

- 2.2. Document D1 discloses (the references in parentheses applying to this document) a gaming terminal comprising: a housing (cf. figure 1); a network interface (32) adapted to communicate with a remote configuration device (56) that is associated with a database containing a plurality of preset gaming terminal configurations (60); a memory adapted to store a configuration forwarded from said remote configuration device (cf. paragraph 48); and a game controller (34).

Consequently, the subject-matter of independent claim 18 is not new either.

- 2.3. Independent method claim 19 is equivalent to independent system claim 1 in that it comprises the same technical features. Consequently, independent claim 19 is not novel for the same reasons as provided in paragraph 2.1. above.

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3. Dependent claims 2-17, 20 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of novelty and/or inventive step (Article 33(2) and (3) PCT).